

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2347
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ENGAGEMENT OF CHILDREN IN ZARI INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether employment of children in hazardous activities is prohibited under Article 24 of the Indian Constitution;
- (b) whether children under age of 14 are employed in Zari industry in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action proposed to rehabilitate them and ensure that children are not employed in such industries?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c): No incidence of employment of children under age of 14 in the Zari industry has been reported to the Government.
- (d): Does not arise.